

**† HOME SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER †**  
**10th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 9, 2020**

**PRELUDE**

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J. G. Walther

**INVOCATION and OPENING VERSICLES**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** O Lord, open my lips,

**C** **and my mouth shall declare Your praise.** (*Psalm 51:15*)

**P** Give glory to God, our light and our life.

**C** **O come, let us worship Him.**

**PSALM OF THE DAY** (*from Psalm 85*)

**P** Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His faithful, to those who turn to Him in their hearts.

**C** **Surely His salvation is at hand for those who fear Him, that His glory may dwell in our land.**

**P** Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**C** **Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

**P** The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

**C** **Righteousness will go before Him, and will make a path for His steps.**

**OFFICE HYMN**

Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens

Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens, let Your Word to me come near;

newborn life and spirit give me, let each promise still my fear.

Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife, wars against Your Word of life;

fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor that I cling to You forever!

Lord, Your words are waters living when my thirsting spirit pleads.

Lord, Your words are bread life-giving; on Your words my spirit feeds.

Lord, Your words will be my light through death's cold and dreary night;

Yes, they are my sword prevailing and my cup of joy unfailing!

As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me; let Your words in me take root.

May Your Spirit e'er be near me that I bear abundant fruit.

May I daily sing Your praise, from my heart glad anthems raise,

till my highest praise is given in the endless joy of heaven.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

**C O God our defender, the storms of life cause us to be afraid. In such times of distress, rescue us from despair, deliver us from fear, and preserve us in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## EPISTLE

Romans 10:5-15

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." <sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

**C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

<sup>22</sup>Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

"God is Still Speaking"

Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P Confident of God's care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

P For Your whole church throughout the world: Give courage in the midst of storms, so that we see and hear Jesus calling: "Take heart, it is I: do not be afraid." May we follow Christ wherever He leads. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P For the well-being of Your creation: Protect waterways, forests, lands, and wildlife from exploitation and abuse. Help us to sustain and be sustained by the resources of Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P For the nations and their leaders: In You, steadfast love and faithfulness meet, and righteousness and peace kiss. May nations and communities in conflict know the peace that is the fruit of justice, and the justice that is the path to peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P For those in need: You are near to everyone who calls upon Your name. Accompany all who are lonely, hear the voices of those who cry out in anguish, and support those who are searching for food and a place to call home. We pray for those suffering this day, especially all on our prayer line and those we remember before You now (*pause*). Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P For our congregation: You have gathered us in worship as Your people and we thank You for this gift. We pray for those who are new to this community, for students, families, and teachers preparing for a new school year, especially at The Chapel School and Concordia College, and for those struggling with unexpected hardship. Supply us generously with Your grace for our life together. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We give You thanks, O God, for the saints of the whole church from all times and places, and for the saints in our lives and in our community whom You have gathered to Yourself. Comfort hearts that are sad and speak peace to the bereft. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from Your love, we offer these prayers to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

**C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise  
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;  
once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,  
then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.

Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;  
turn Thou for us its darkness into light.  
From harm and danger keep Thy children free;  
for dark and light are both alike to Thee.

Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,  
our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;  
then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

**BENEDICTION**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and  
be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

O Lovely Peace  
(adapted from *Judas Maccabeus*)

Handel/Smith

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